Seizure of gold and narcotics

67. SHRI V. NARAYANSAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total quantum of gold and narcotics seized by Government dur-iag the last three years;

(b) what is the number of private individuals and Government officials who received award for giving information about gold and narcotics hide-outs under the new scheme announced by Government; and

(e) what is the number of foreign nationals and also Indians found involved in the smuggling operations during the period mentioned in part (a) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The total quantity of gold and narcotic drugs (drug-wise), seized during the years 1983, 1984 and 1985 is given below:—

(*Quantity*: *in Kgs.*)

Year	Gold	Heroin	Opium	Charas	Ganja	Morphine	Mandrax tablets
1983 . .	230	139	6592	6072	21,685	21	95
1984 . .	524	203	7938	4368	21,207	29	1669
1985 . .	2525	761	6839	10,312	66,313	125	745

(b) The statistics pertaining to the number of private individuals and Govern, ment officials who received reward for giving information about gold and narcotic hide-outs under the new scheme announced by the Government are not maintained separately. However, during 1985-86, the total amount of rewards paid to the informers and Government servants is Rs. 11.9 crores (provisional).

(c) The total number of persons arrested, including foreigners, in connectian with smuggling activites during the years 1983, 1984 and 1985 is given below:—

Year	Total number of persons arrested	No. of foreigners arrested out of (ii)
1983	2281	310
1984	2345	303
1985	3065	503

Voluntary retirement by income-tax Commissioners

68. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to stater

(a) what is the number of Income Tax Commissioners and other officers in the Income Tax Department who have opted for voluntary retirement till date since the operation cleansing was taken up by Government;

(b) what is the number of officers who have since been permitted to retire voluntarily;

(c) whether apart from allowing these officers to retire prematurely as

opted by them any departmental inquiry was held so as to ascertain the extent of wealth accumulated by them which was disproportionate to their income; if so, what is the out come thereof; and

(d) whether any legal action is proposed to be taken by Government in case where corruption is proved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a> From July 1985, 14 Commissioners of Income-tax and 38 other officers of the Income Tax Department have opted for voluntary retirement.

(b) Out of the above, 44 officers (including 14 Commissioners of Income-tax) have since been permitted to retire.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Raids at the premises of individuals and varions firms fo detect tax evasion

69. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of individuals[firms "at whose premises raids were conducted during the last one year and during the current year upto the 30th September, 1986 to detect income-tax and customs duty evasion and also FERA violation;

(b) what is the amount involved in these violations; and

(c) what is the amount recovered as taxes and action taken in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Information to the extent possible is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Accommodation facilities to low budget tourists

70. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:. Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Govern ment have advised the State Govern ments to provide accommodation to low budget tourists on the lines of Yatri Niwas in Delhi;

(b) if so, the names of the States alongwith the names of the places where such accommodation has been built so far during the current year; and

(c) the names of the places where these are to be built during the next year?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) Al] the States/UT Governments have been requested to formulate proposals f°r the construction of Yatri Niwases in the respective States/UTs so as to provide budget accommodation for the tourists. Under this sche*-me the Central Department of Tourism provides funds for the construction of Yatri Niwases and the State Governments provide land free of cost, alongwith electric, water and sewerage connection etc.

(b) Funds have been released for the construction of Yatri Niwases at Port Blair (Andaman & Nicobar Islands), Panaji (Goa, Daman & Diu), Palam Village (Delhi), Kurukshetra (Haryana), Kancheepuram (Tamil Nadu), Satpada (Orissa), Dakor (Gujarat). Darjeeling (West Bengal), Jullundur (Punjab), and Pondicherry. The respective States|UT Govts are taking appropriate action for the commencement of construction work.

(d) In addition to the above on going projects, the Central Ministry is considering providing funds during 1987-88 for the construction of Yatri